

COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CIAP)  
PROJECT NOMINATION SUBMITTAL

Project Title: America's Wetland Discovery Center

Entity/Individual Nominating: Cameron Parish Police Jury

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Total CIAP Funds Requested: \$20,000,000

Infrastructure Funds Proposed: \$500,000

Description and Location of Project: Lake Charles on lakefront between Civic Center and Southwest Louisiana Tourist Bureau

Project Type (from CIAP fund uses): Mitigation of the impacts of OCS activities through funding of onshore infrastructure projects and public service needs.

Project Justification: The development of the OCS and the oil and gas industry in Louisiana has caused immense loss of wetlands through the alteration of the historical hydrology of the coastal area. These areas have experienced a loss of over one million acres of Louisiana Coastal wetlands. The general public is not educated on this loss or exposed directly to the loss. This project will educate children, adults, academia, and tourists to the immense wetland loss of Louisiana. This education opportunity will heighten awareness of the functions and values of wetlands and the need for restoration and protection of this valuable resource.

Project Cost Share: Total Parish Funding - \$500,000; Total State Funding - \$19,500,000